

URBAN DISTRICT OF BRIXHAM.  
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URBAN DISTRICT OF BRIGHAM.

Chairman of the Council :

COUNCILLOR H. M. SMARDON, M.B.E., J.P.,

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE :

Chairman: Councillor S. W. Banks,

All members of the Council.

HOUSING COMMITTEE

Chairman: Councillor C. M. Ashford.

All members of the Council.

Clerk of the Council.

T. OWEN DAVIES.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health, and Medical Officer for  
Maternity and Child Welfare Centre, and Port Medical  
Officer

" + ANDREW DICK, M.D., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Deputy Medical Officer of Health and Port Medical  
Officer

@ J. I. SNODGRASS, M.B., Ch.B.

Sanitary Inspector and Inspector of Meat and Foods, Port  
Health Inspector, Housing Officer and Inspector under  
the Petroleum and Explosive Acts.

" + FRANCIS LAWRENCE GODFREY, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

@ Part time.

" Whole time

+ Salary contribution by Exchequer Grants.

R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT OF BRUXHAM FOR  
1946.

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Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1946.

The health of the population appeared to be good. There was no high incidence of infectious disease.

The Birth Rate shows a considerable increase, 162 births as against 124 last year, giving a rate of 18.77.

The number of Deaths, 123, is the same as last year, and shows little variation in causation.

Quarterly examination of water supply at the source has continued; the samples have been very satisfactory.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

One hundred and twenty-eight children aged 1-5 years and 36 children aged 5-15 years were fully protected against diphtheria.

The Immunising Agent used in all cases was Alum Precipitated Toxin in two doses of 0.4 and 0.5 c.c. No ill effects were reported.

My best thanks are again due to the Health Visitor, Miss Lee, for her able help with this work.

I have the honour to be,

Your Obedient Servant,

A. DICK

Medical Officer of  
Health.

GENERAL-----STATISTICS.

Area of District ... ..	5,626 acres
Population, 1931 Census ... ..	8,147
Population, estimated 1946 ... ..	8,634
Number of Inhabited Houses, 1946	2,650 approx.
Rateable Value of District at April 1st 1946:	
Inside Harbour Area ... ..	£47,324
Outside Harbour Area .. ...	£3,489

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£50,813  
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VITAL-----STATISTICS 1946.

	Male	Female	Total	
<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>				
Legitimate	77	68	145	} Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population .. 18.77
Illegitimate	4	13	17	
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	81	81	162	} 18.77
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STILL BIRTHS

Legitimate	1	2	3	} Rate per 1,000 total live and still births . 18.18
Illegitimate	-	-	-	
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	1	2	3	} 18.18
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DEATHS

59	64	123	Death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population . 14.25
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Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age:

Legitimate	3	2	5	} Rate per 1,000 of the live and still births .... 36.36
Illegitimate	-	1	1	

## Deaths from Puerperal Causes -

Puerperal Sepsis	...	...	-	} Rate per 1,000 live and still births 6.06
Other Puerperal Causes	...	1		

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RAINFALL-----1946.

January	5.50	May	6.52	September	6.41
February	4.02	June	3.16	October	1.73
March	2.15	July	1.72	November	7.58
April	2.50	August	5.30	December	5.19

Total ..... 51.58

The average for the last ten years is 41.74 inches.

By courtesy of Sir Harold Clayton.

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NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Malaria	...	...	1
Pneumonia	..	...	3
Erysipelas	.	...	4
Scarlet Fever	...		5
Diphtheria	...		-
Whooping Cough	...		3
Measles	...	...	12

Total	28
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Cases admitted to Isolation Hospital, Kings Ash, Paignton,  
from Brixham Urban District, during 1946 ..... 2

Disease	Number of Cases
Scarlet Fever .	...
	2



CAUSES OF DEATH IN 1946 (As supplied by Registrar General)

Disease	Male	Female	Total
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fever .			
Measles ... ..			
Scarlet Fever ... ..			
Whooping Cough ... ..			
Diphtheria... ..			
Influenza... ..			
Encephalitis ... ..			
Cerebro Spinal Fever ... ..			
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	2		2
Other Tuberculosis ... ..	1		1
Syphilis ... ..	1		1
Cancer ... ..	8	10	18
Diabetes ... ..	1	1	2
Cerebral Haemorrhage &c ... ..	7	14	21
Heart Disease ... ..	11	17	28
Other Circulatory Diseases ... ..	4	6	10
Bronchitis . ... ..	4	3	7
Pneumonia (all forms)... ..	3	1	4
Other Respiratory Diseases ... ..	1		1
Ulcer (Gastric & Duodenal) ... ..			
Diarrhoea (under 2 years)			
Appendicitis			
Other digestive diseases ... ..		1	1
Acute and Chronic Nephritis .. ..	3	2	5
Puerperal Sepsis . ... ..			
Other Puerperal Diseases ... ..		1	1
Congenital debility, premature birth etc. ... ..	2	1	3
Senility ... ..			
Suicide ... ..	2		2
Other Violence ... ..	3	1	4
All other causes . ... ..	6	6	12
Diarrhoea (over 2 years ... ..			
Smallpox ... ..			
Polio-myelitis ... ..			
Polioencephalitis ... ..			
Total All Causes ... ..	59	64	123



TUBERCULOSIS.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
0								
1								
5								
15								
25	2	1						
35	1					1		
45	1							
55	1	1			1	1	1	
65 and upwards								
Totals	5	2			1	2	1	

A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

SANITARY INSPECTOR  
-----For the Year ending 31st December 1946.  
  
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Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I herewith present my Twentyfirst Annual Report, as required by the Minister of Health.

Yours faithfully,

F. L. GODFREY

Sanitary Inspector and  
Inspector of Meat and Foods.

HOUSING 1946

Number of new houses erected during the year:-

(a) Total (including number given separate under "b");

I	By Local Authority	...	...	...	0
II	By other Authorities (pre-fabs)	...	...	...	29
III	By other bodies or persons	..	...	...	25

(b) With State assistance under the Housing Acts:

I	By the Local Authority	...	...	...	0
(a)	For the purpose of Part II of the Housing Act 1925	...	...	...	0
(b)	For the purpose of Part III of the Housing Act 1925	...	...	...	0
(c)	For other purposes	...	...	...	0
II	By other bodies (pre-fabs)	..	...	...	29

HOUSING STATISTICS 1946

## 1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year:-

(1)	(a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... ..	77
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	125
(2)	(a)	Number of dwelling houses (including under sub-head (1) above, which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932 ... ..	67
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	85
(3)		Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	0
(4)		Number of dwelling houses (excluding those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation . ... ..	29

## 2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ... ..	22
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## 3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

## (a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act 1936.

(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	7
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:	
	(a) By owners ... ..	7
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ... ..	0

## (b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... .. 23

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:

(a) By owners ... .. 23

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ... .. 0

## (c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act 1936:

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made .. ... 0

(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... .. 0

## (d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act 1936.

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... .. 0

(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ... .. 0

## 4. Housing Act 1936, Part IV (Overcrowding)

(a) (1) Number of Dwellings overcrowded at end of year ... .. 0

(2) Number of families dwelling therein ... 0

(3) Number of Persons dwelling therein ... 0

(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during year ... .. 0

(c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during year ... .. 0

(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases 0

- (d) Particulars of cases in which Dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding ... .. 0
- (e) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider desirable to report ... .. 0

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SUMMARY OF SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT  
and work of the Public Health Department, 1946.

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HOUSING.

Number of Dwelling-houses completed during year 1946:

Detached houses ... ..	7
Terrace Houses ... ..	2
Bungalows ... ..	14
Semi-Detached Bungalows . ... ..	2

Total number of dwelling-houses completed during year 1946 ... ..	25
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Public Buildings, Workshops, etc. ... ..	0
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Number of houses built during the year for working classes:

For Local Authority (Pre-Fabricated Bungalows)	29
By Private Effort ... ..	0

Number of new houses or flats required for working class 185

Houses inspected ... ..	77
Cases of overcrowding abated ... ..	0
Defective houses repaired ... ..	19
Defective floors repaired ... ..	12
Defective roofs repaired or renewed .. ...	16
Defective yards paved . ... ..	2
Defective External plastering repaired ... ..	10
Defective internal plastering repaired ... ..	9
Defective windows repaired ... ..	4
Defective stoves repaired ... ..	5

Number of houses dealt with under Housing (Rural Workers) Act 1926.

During year ... ..	0
Total to date ... ..	23



DRAINS AND DRAINAGE.

Sewers re-laid during the year: ... ..	0
Drains examined ... ..	39
Defective Drains repaired or renewed ... ..	16
Certificates issued in respect of drainage of new buildings ... ..	25
Certificates issued in respect of drainage of existing buildings ... ..	12
Existing W.C.s fitted with flushing cisterns, or cisterns renewed ... ..	9
Defective traps removed or replaced with approved stoneware gully traps .. ...	3
Defective w.c.s repaired .. ...	4
Automatic cisterns fixed .. ...	2

The following sanitary fittings have been installed during the year:-

New baths ... ..	62
W.C.s ... ..	57
Lavatory Basins ... ..	73
Urinals ... ..	1
Scullery Sinks ... ..	59
Septic Tanks . ... ..	6

INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND DISINFECTION

Rooms fumigated . ... ..	14
Articles of clothing and bedding disinfected ... ..	17
Articles of clothing and bedding destroyed ... ..	10
Rooms disinfected for notifiable infectious disease ..	7
Rooms disinfected for tuberculosis . ... ..	3
Rooms disinfected for verminous condition ... ..	4
Cases removed to Isolation Hospitals .. ...	2

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

(Public Health (Meat) Regulations 1924)

Number of butchers shops in the district ... ..	8
Other Food shops and stores . ... ..	75
Number of visits to butchers' shops ... ..	57
Number of visits to other food shops and stores ...	109

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INSPECTION OF MEAT AND FOODS.

Slaughtering in District (except for casuals) ceased January 1940 (M.O.F. Order). All meat is received from Paignton Depot.

WEIGHT OF UNFIT FOOD DESTROYED.

	Tuberculosis lbs	Other Diseases and Conditions lbs	Total lbs
Beef ... ..		21	21
Mutton .. ...			
Pork .. ...			
Offals . ...			
Total		21	21

The following Foods have been surrendered as unsound:-

118 tins Vegetables; 14 tins Fruit; 253 tins Meat; 252 tins Milk; 121 tins Fish; 7 tins Jam; 4 lbs Pressed Beef; 21 lbs Hq Imported Beef; 340 lbs smoked fish; 53 Frozen eggs; 56 lbs Margarine; 4 lbs Sugar; 63 lbs Chocolate; 56 lbs. Biscuits; 124 lbs Cereals; 262 lbs Dried Fruit; 379 lbs Oranges; 47 Boxes Peaches.



MILK AND DAIRIES.

Number of cow-keepers and dairymen registered at end of year:

Producer Wholesalers ... ..	5
Producer Wholesalers and Retailers . . . . .	5
Producer Retailers ... ..	14
Retailers ... ..	7
Number removed from Register ... ..	0

Number of cowsheds in district ... ..	24
" " " without impervious floors .. . . .	7
" " " with unsatisfactory drainage ... ..	4
" " " " " ventilation .. . . .	4
" " " " " lighting ... ..	2
" " " " " water supply . . . . .	2

Number of visits to dairies, cowsheds, farms etc. ... .. 37

Number of samples of milk taken for examination:

For cleanliness ... ..	11
For tuberculosis ... ..	1
For adulteration (taken by County Police) ... ..	22

SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

Number of slaughterhouses in district:

Registered } not in use ... ..	3
Licensed } use ... ..	0

Number of visits to slaughter-houses ... .. 0

Number of visits to premises where emergency or occasional slaughtering is carried out ... .. 5

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

Number of noxious or offensive trades in district ... .. 0

NUISANCES.

Complaints of nuisances received... ..	59
Informal notices served ... ..	16
Statutory Notices served ... ..	0
Nuisances abated without written notice . . . . .	25

SCHOOLS.

Number of schools in district:-

Public	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Private	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Number of Schools found defective	..	...	...	...	...	...	0
" " notices to managers	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
" " visits to schools	..	...	...	...	...	...	11

BAKEHOUSES.

Number of							
Number of bakehouses in in district	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Number of inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Number found defective	..	...	...	...	...	...	2
Number of notices to remedy	...	...	...	...	...	...	2

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS ACT 1901  
AND FACTORIES ACT, 1937

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.  
 Including inspections made by Sanitary Inspector.

Number of factories and workshops registered in district 57.

Premises (1)		Inspection (2)	Number of Written Notices (3)	Occupiers Prosecuted (4)
FACTORIES with Mechanical power .....	22	7		
FACTORIES without mechanical power .....	39	24		
+ OTHER PREMISES under the Act (including works of building & engineering construction but not including outworkers' premises) .....	3	3		
+ Electrical stations should be reckoned as factories. TOTAL	64	34		

## 2. Defects Found.

Particulars	Number of Defects			Number of offences in respect to which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Want of cleanliness (s1) .....	2	2		
Overcrowding (s2) .....				
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) .....				
Inadequate ventilation (S.4) ..				
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) .....				
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) .....				
Insufficient .....				
Unsuitable or defective .....	3	3		
Not separate for sexes .....				
Other offences ..... (Not including offences relating to Home Work or offences under the Section mentioned in the Schedule to the Ministry of Health (Factories and Workshops Transfer of Powers) Order 1921, and re-enacted in the Third Schedule to the Factories Act 1937)				
TOTAL	5	5		

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

- (1) (a) Number of Council Houses found to be infested 1  
       "      "      "      "      disinfected ... . 1
- (b) Number of other houses found to be infested . 5  
       "      "      "      "      disinfected ... . 5
- (2) Spraying with approved insectide after removing wallpaper, skirting etc.
- (3) No action is taken before the removal of the tenants belongings, except inspection by the Sanitary Inspector.
- (4) Work of disinfection is carried out by the Public Health Department.
- (5) Tenants are advised by the Sanitary Inspector as to measures to prevent re-infestation after cleansing.

PETROLEUM AND EXPLOSIVES ACTS.Particulars of Registration.

Number of Licenses granted to store Petroleum Spirit ..	19
"      "      "      "      "      " Carbide of Calcium.	1
"      "      "      "      "      " Mixed Explosives ..	8
"      "      "      "      "      " Gunpowder and	
Mixed Explosives in Magazines .....	2

RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION ACT1919.Infestation Order 1944.

This Authority has entered into an agreement with the Dartmouth Borough for their operative to carry out Rodent Control in Brixham on alternate weeks, and this is proving very satisfactory, and considerable progress has been made in treatment in properties in the district by the block method. It is hoped to put sewer treatment in hand early in the New Year.

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PORT      HEALTH      DISTRICT      OF  
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Report for Year ending 31st December, 1946.

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Regular inspections are made of the local boats, also visiting ships are examined by the Customs, and inspected as a routine matter. Few ships have used the port during the year.

No action has been necessary in respect of infectious disease, and the facilities available for treatment etc. are the same as outlined in my previous reports.

Foreign Fishing Boats now using the Port are visited at frequent intervals and conditions have been found generally satisfactory.

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